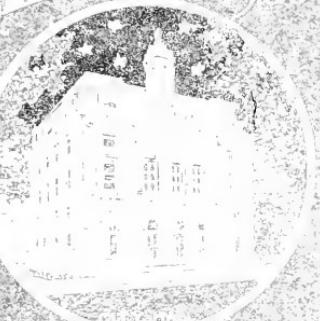


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Junction of the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers

# INTRODUCTION



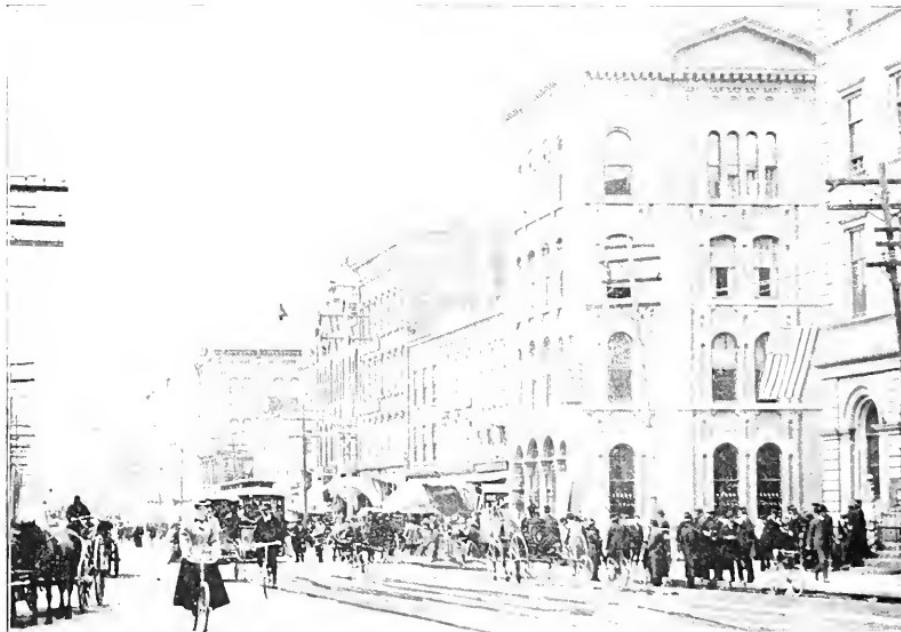
HIS book aims to give as concisely and accurately as possible all the facts that prospective residents may want to know about the City of Binghamton, N. Y., its industries and manufactures, its government, its natural advantages, and the inducements that it has to offer to the homeseeker and manufacturer. To do any sort of justice to Binghamton in a few printed pages is a hopeless task; but if this pamphlet shall incite on the part of those to whom it shall come a fuller investigation into the city's advantages, it will not wholly have failed in its purpose. Binghamton is a city of about 45,000 people, lying in Southern New York at the confluence of the Susquehanna and Chenango rivers. Five railroads radiate from the city in almost every direction. The leading industries are the manufacture of cigars, carriages, wood alcohol, acids and acetate of lime, boots and shoes, chairs, crackers, patent medicines, iron foundry products, clothing, time recorders, envelopes, folding boxes, sportsman's goods, etc. Last year 90,000,000 cigars were made in the city, a number that would provide several cigars for every smoker in the United States and its new possessions.

At the last sale of city four per cent bonds \$3,605 was paid for the privilege of buying them, which shows the stability of the city's credit. The city tax rate last year was .0152 on the dollar, and the state and county .0086. The area of the corporation is 6,100 acres. There are 25.19 miles of electric railway, 125 miles of streets, nearly eight miles of pavement, nineteen public schools, forty one church bodies, ten newspapers (daily and weekly) and three public parks.

Binghamton's situation is picturesque. It lies in the Susquehanna and Chenango valleys, hills rising on nearly every side. From the top of one of these, on a summer's day, the town looks as if it were embowered in a great forest, so numerous are the shade trees—say where the brick and stone of the business section makes a contrasting blotch of color. Nearly as far as the eye can reach down the Susquehanna stretches what is practically the city, for Lestershire, with its great industries, though incorporated as a separate village, is actually a part of Binghamton. And further down, nine miles from the City Hall, is Union, where they are building the new city of Endicott, with industries to employ thousands. So closely is this connected with Binghamton by the electric railroad, and so rapidly is the connecting territory being built up that it does not require the gift of prophecy to foresee the day when this, too, will be a part of a great municipality twelve miles in length from east to west—the Greater Binghamton.

Topographically the city is divided by the rivers and railroads into five main sections, known locally as the West Side, the North Side, the South Side, "Morningside," or the East Side, and the Central City—the district last named lying east of the Chenango and north of the Susquehanna. So closely are these knit together by the bridges that they form a homogeneous whole, with no present local jealousies, and all work together for the common good. The con-

struction of a magnificent viaduct spanning the numerous railroad tracks at Chenango street and giving uninterrupted communication with the district north of the railroads is a recent achievement of great importance, due in a great measure to the efforts of the Board of Trade.



Court Street, Looking West

## HISTORY AND GROWTH

The man from whom Binghamton took its name was William Bingham, of Philadelphia. An Englishman by birth, he came to America as a colonist, served in the American army during the Revolution and earned a commission. At the close of the war he went into business in Philadelphia, where he accumulated a fortune.

To him and to two others, Robert Lettis Hooper and James Wilson, was granted on June 27, 1786, a patent for a tract of 30,620 acres. It lay on both sides of the Susquehanna river and included parts of the present towns of Union, Vestal, Binghamton, Conklin and Kirkwood. In 1790 the trio divided the tract among themselves, the part containing the site of the present City of Binghamton falling to Mr. Bingham.

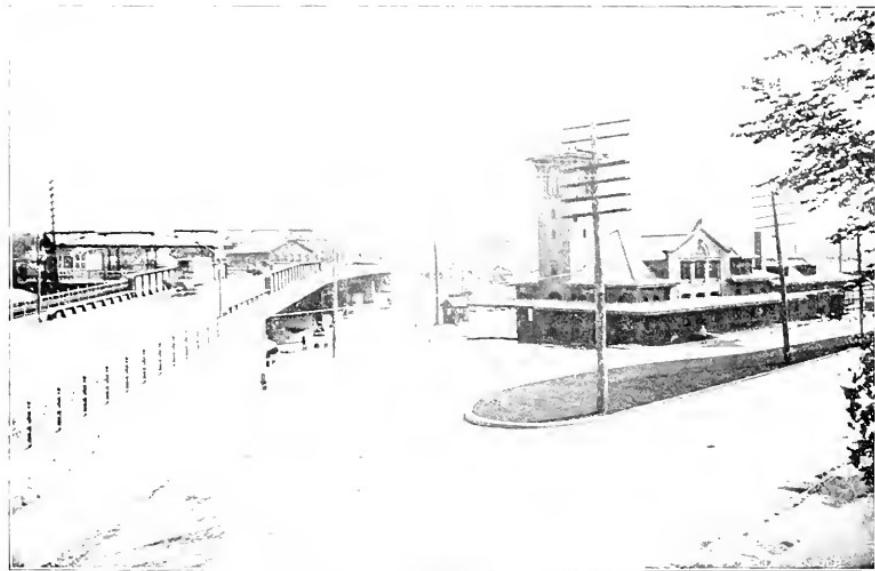
The first settler in the vicinity of what is now Binghamton was Captain Joseph Leonard, a Revolutionary soldier, who came up the Susquehanna river from Pennsylvania in 1787. He found, occupying a temporary cabin here, a man known as James Lyon. In company with the Indian trader, Amos Draper, Captain Leonard had a conference with the natives and secured from them a lease for ninety-nine years of a square mile of land, agreeing to pay as rental a barrel of corn a year. This was about three miles above the mouth of the Susquehanna. This lease was not confirmed by the State, but the land was later sold and was held without trouble by the purchasers. Other settlers arrived soon afterwards and a little settlement sprang up which was known as Chenango.

In 1800 Mr. Bingham appointed as his local agent General Joshua Whitney. Before that time some plans had been made for establishing a village on the site of the present city, at the junction of the Susquehanna and Chenango rivers. How far these plans had gone is uncertain, but they were probably somewhat indefinite. As soon, however, as the new agent took charge he bent his energies towards establishing a settlement on the present site. Streets were laid out and various inducements made to the people of Chenango to move to the "Point." On July 1, 1800, William Bingham conveyed to Joshua Whitney 215 acres in this tract, and the latter put up a house. In 1801 an act was passed authorizing the holding of court in Chenango Point, and the following year a court house was built. This was an event which finally established the supremacy of the new Chenango Point over the little hamlet up the river.



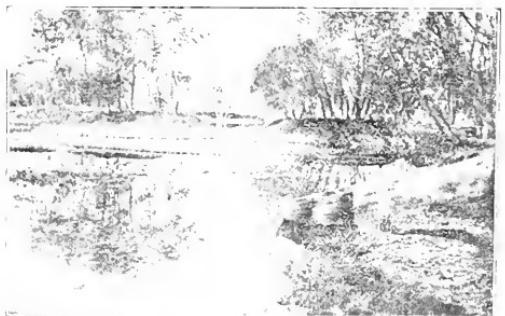
Residence of Chas. M. Turner, Front Street

One of the inducements held out to settlers by General Whitney was that a bridge was to be built across the Chenango, at what is now Court street. This, however, was not constructed until 1808, when it was built as a private enterprise. Main and Front streets were laid out about this time, buildings were erected at the four corners near the bridge, and an air of



The Viaduct and D. L. & W. Station

modest activity was apparent. In 1812 a company of Indian chiefs arrived at the little settlement and claimed the land on behalf of the former occupants of the region. John A. Collier carefully investigated their claims and assured the visitors that they were not valid, after which the red men departed quietly.



View in Lyons' Park

This year was notable also from the fact that it marked the date of the limited incorporation of Binghamton as a village. The population at this time was between 250 and 300. Ten years later the village was regularly incorporated. The construction of the Chenango canal, authorized by the legislature in 1833, was of vast importance to Binghamton. Its northern terminus was Utica, its southern Binghamton. The first canal boat arrived in Binghamton on May 6, 1837, and was greeted with general rejoicing. Three years later the population was 2,000, and the residents of Binghamton began to think that it might some day become a very large village.



View in Lyons' Park

But what was in many respects the most important event in the earlier history of the place occurred in 1848. This was the opening of the New York & Erie railroad. From this time the growth was rapid. In 1850 there were 4,000 inhabitants or more. The next year the acts incorporating the village were amended, and the village limits were extended. The year 1860 saw Binghamton a village of 9,000, and one of the most important stations on the line of the Erie road. Seven years later it was incorporated as a city and divided into five wards. Its population was then 10,000.

From this time Binghamton has never taken a backward step. Her growth has been steady, and though there have been times of particularly rapid growth, none of it has been of the mushroom sort. The founders laid the foundations strong and deep; their descendants have built upon these foundations wisely and well. The population in 1870 was 12,692; in 1875, 15,518, and in 1880, 17,317. During the next ten years the number of inhabitants had doubled, the census in 1890 showing a population of 35,005. To day a fair estimate of Binghamton's inhabitants is 45,000. And the city is growing every month.



## PUBLIC PARKS

Just south of the city, not more than a mile from the business center, lies a plot of natural woodland of surpassing beauty. Through it runs a picturesque defile, winding around the base of a densely wooded hill. Roads as firm as stone wind among the trees and lead to the summit of the hill, where from "The Lookout" a view of the city and valley breaks upon the eye—rivers like silver ribbons sparkling in the sunlight, toy trains creeping along like snails, and a busy city spread out at one's feet.

At the base of the hill there is plenty of human life and animation. Scattered among the trees, viewing the animals or patronizing the various attractions there are several thousand people every day. From the stand on the hill-side a band plays gaily, and a merry-go-round whirls with happy children as passengers. Picnic parties by the dozen are scattered in the big dining-pavilion or at the many rustic tables among the trees.

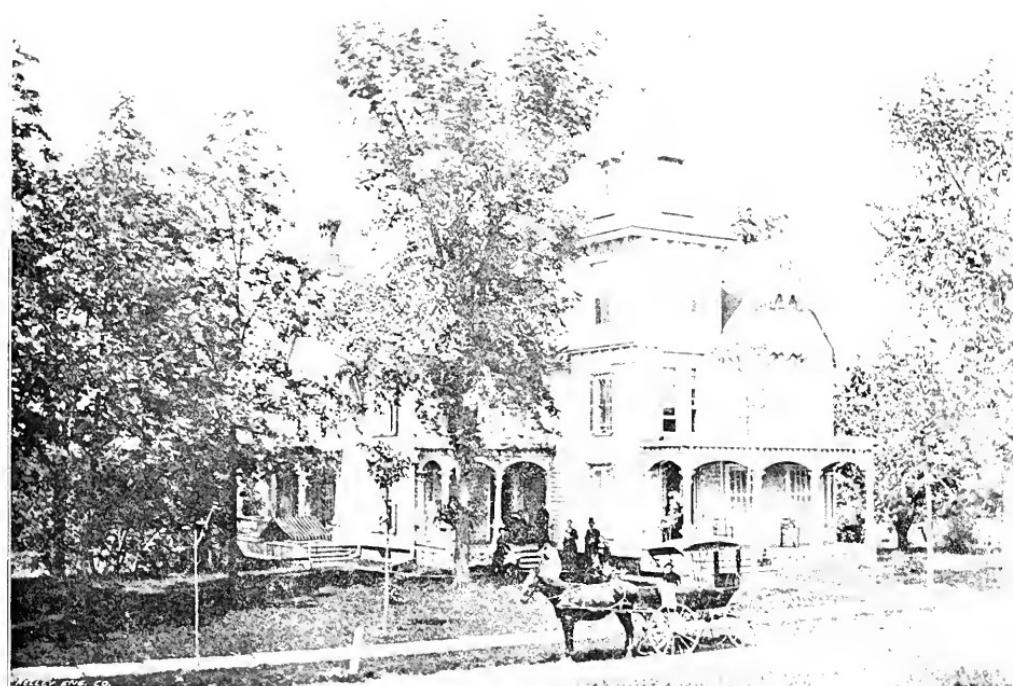
Such is Ross Park on a summer's day. It is a resort which is enjoyed not only by the citizens of Binghamton, but also by thousands of excursionists who come during the season from points on the railroads. There are few cities in the country which can point to a park that is so near to nature as this. There is nothing artificial about it, care having been taken in all the improvements to preserve all the natural woodland features. So successful has been the result that in a quiet corner of the park the herd of deer and elk seem to be grazing in a real forest.

During the season the Binghamton Railroad Company provides daily entertainments in the open air, free, and band concerts, afternoon and evening. They are viewed by thousands, the company obtaining its remuneration for the entertainments out of the extra street car traffic in this line. Refreshments are sold on the ground, but intoxicants are prohibited.

Besides this there are two smaller parks which have not been greatly improved as yet. One is situated in what is known as the "German Settlement," and the other is in the eastern part of the city. As the city grows these will some day be charming breathing places for the people. The parks are under the control of a Board of Park Commissioners. Lyons' Park, on the South Side, owned by Daniel Lyons, is also an attractive spot.

Another favorite pleasure resort is the Casino, a beautiful park owned and controlled by the Binghamton Railroad Company at Endicott. Frequent car service is provided by the com-

pany, 25 cents being charged for the round trip from the city. Entertainments are also provided here by the railroad company, and picnic parties find pleasure on the banks of the Susquehanna, which flows past the park. Little lakes, fountains and lawns add to the attractiveness of the place.

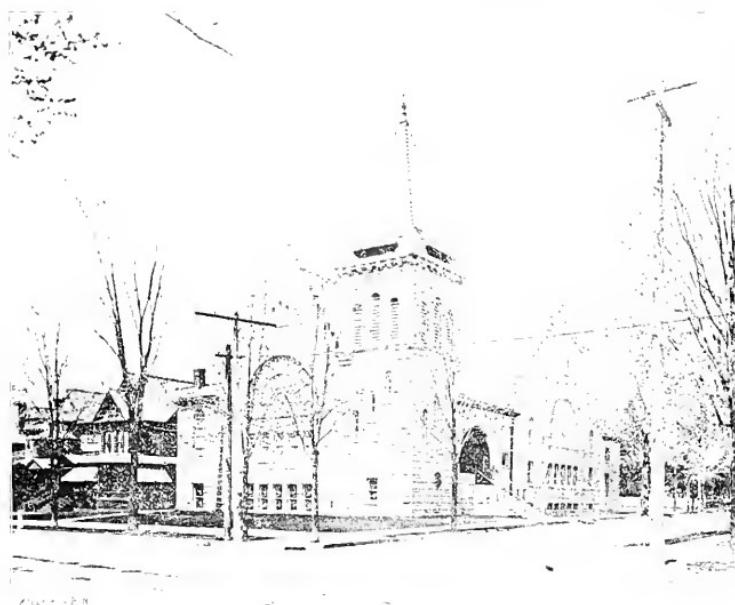


Residence of Daniel Lyons, Conklin Avenue

## CHURCHES

Prospective residents of Binghamton may rest assured that they could find no place, large or small, which can offer to them better church advantages than this city. Hundreds of

thousands of dollars are invested in the churches, whose membership is large and active. Whatever may be the case elsewhere, it has been remarked upon by visitors that empty pews are not the fashion here. This may be due in part to the fact that the local churches have a more than usually able body of clergy. Some of these have a reputation which extends far, and many of the churches are among the largest in their denomination. In short, it may be said that Binghamton is, to a degree, a church supporting town, which means that it is for the most part a moral and law-abiding town.



West Presbyterian Church

This could not truthfully have been said of the early settlement. At the close of the Eighteenth Century and the opening of the Nineteenth the pioneer preachers seem to have had considerable difficulty in getting a hold upon the settlers. The first religious services were established by a Baptist minister, named Howe, who came to Chenango Point in 1790.

An account of the present condition of some of the most prominent denominations may be of interest.

**PRESBYTERIAN.** There are at present seven Presbyterian societies, with a total membership of several thousand. They are the First, West, North, Ross Memorial, Emmanuel Chapel, Broad Avenue and Floral Avenue. The denomination has a church in every quarter of the city. The First Church is one of the ten largest Presbyterian societies in the United States, and the name of the pastor, the Rev. G. Parsons Nichols, D. D., is known throughout the country. The North and the West Churches also have large parishes, the latter having lately erected a magnificent stone structure on Main street, which, with its grounds and fittings, is valued at \$70,000. All the other societies are strong and prosperous.

**Methodist Episcopal.**—The denomination that can boast the largest number of local churches is the Methodist Episcopal, which has ten societies. Of these the most prominent are the Centenary, in the center of the city, and the Tabernacle on the



Tabernacle M. E. Church

West Side. While the other organizations are somewhat smaller, none is feeble, and Methodists are an important factor in city life. Binghamton city and district are among the most important in Wyoming Conference. The presiding elder is the Rev. L. C. Floyd, Ph. D., of this city.



**First Presbyterian Church**

St. James' Hall and a fine parochial residence, the whole property being immensely valuable. St. Mary's Church of the Assumption is a great modern building of brick at Court and Fayette streets, the interior of which is especially beautiful. The pipe organ is one of the best in Southern New York. St. Paul's is a new parish on the North Side.

**BAPTIST.**—The Baptists are represented by six churches—the First, Conklin Avenue, Main Street, Grace, Calvary and Park Avenue. The First Church has a fine edifice on Chenango street. The church was destroyed by fire a few years ago and promptly rebuilt in the most modern style. A marked feature of the religious life of this church is its healthful progressiveness in theological thought. Dr. Phillips, the pastor, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of London.

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.**—The oldest church building in the city, and one of the most notable, is Christ Church on Washington street, which has already been referred to. It is of stone and was built in 1854 after designs by the architect of Trinity Church, New York. It is regarded as one of the best specimens of ecclesiastical architecture in the country. Trinity Memorial Church, on Main street, is a splendid modern structure of stone. The Church of the Good Shepherd, on the South Side, has connected with it the House of the Good Shepherd, a worthy charitable institution.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC.**—The city is divided by the Roman Catholics into three large parishes

St. Patrick's, St. Mary's and St. Paul's, in each of which there is a membership of several thousand. St. Patrick's, on the West Side, was established in 1838 by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hughes, and the present edifice cost \$125,000. Connected with it are St. Joseph's Academy,

**CONGREGATIONALIST.**—The First and Plymouth Churches are worthy examples of Congregationalism in Binghamton. While this denomination is not so numerous in New York as in the New England States, the First Church is one of the largest in the city and has a membership remarkable for its prominence and intelligence. It has generally had pastors of high rank in the denomination, its present brilliant minister being Dr. Nacy McGee Waters.

**OTHER RELIGIOUS BODIES**—The Christian, German Lutheran and Universalist churches and the Seventh Day Adventists have one organization each. There are two Churches of Christ, Scientist, a rescue mission and corps of the Salvation Army and American Volunteers. The Salvation Army conducts a "shelter" and a salvage department, and its splendid work among the poor is cordially coöperated with by the churches. The Young Men's Christian Association owns a four-story brick building on Court street, where it has meeting halls, a reading-room, library, gymnasium and other conveniences. The Railroad Y. M. C. A. has a building near the railroad stations, and statistics show that in several branches of work it stands first in the State. It has plans for a fine new building. The Young Women's Christian Association also occupies beautiful rooms and does an excellent work.



## BANKING FACILITIES

For the convenient transaction of business, banks with ample capital and solid financial standing are of first importance. Binghamton is admirably equipped with institutions whose condition is of the most satisfactory character.

The recent consolidation of three of the leading banks, the First National, the Susque-



First Congregational Church

hanna Valley and the Strong State, has provided one of the largest banking institutions in this part of the State. The first named of these had a capital of \$200,000 and the other two of \$100,000 each.

The present banks and their capitalization are: First National, \$100,000; Binghamton Trust Company, \$300,000; City National, \$200,000, and People's \$100,000.

The Binghamton Clearing House was established in 1891. Since then the annual clearings have nearly doubled, the figures for the successive years being as follows:

1891 . . .	\$ 12,522,200 00
1892 . . .	13,789,300 00
1893 . . .	15,404,200 00
1894	17,460,800 00
1895	17,701,900 00
1896 . . .	19,345,300 00
1897	16,891,500 00
1898 . . .	18,038,800 00
1899 . . .	19,317,700 00
1900 . . .	20,705,300 00

It will be noticed by this table that last year's clearings went far ahead of any in the history of the house. But, so far this year the banking business, bankers say, has been very much larger than it was for 1900. However, the figures of the Clearing House show a decrease of about five per cent. over the same period last year. This is due to the consolidation of three banks, already referred to, and does not give a correct view of the situation.



St. Mary's Church

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department is practically under the volunteer system, composed of the following eight companies: Excelsior Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, T. J. McNamara, foreman; Crystal Hose Co. No. 1, Charles Cain, foreman; Alert Hose Co. No. 2, Charles Van Cleve, foreman; Protection Hose Co. No. 3, Jay Whitney, foreman; Fountain Chemical Engine Co. No. 4, John Lyon, foreman; Independent Hose Co. No. 5, Charles S. Waring, foreman; Mechanics' Hose Co. No. 6, James F. Garvey, foreman; Rockbottom Hose Co. No. 7, James E. Foster, foreman. The department is well equipped, admirably managed, and has always proved entirely adequate to any demands made upon it. Steamer No. 3 is a second size LaFrance piston engine, purchased in 1899. It is manned by three full-paid men, who respond to all alarms of



Scene on Court Street

fire. There is also one ordinary hook and ladder truck, held in reserve, besides Steamer No. 1, "City of Binghamton," a second size Silsby rotary pump engine, and Steamer No. 2, "The Bennett," a third size LaFrance rotary pump engine, about eighteen years old, both of which are held in reserve. Arrangements have also been made for the purchase of another engine.

There are seventeen full-paid men who devote their entire time to the service, four part paid, or "call men," and nearly five hundred volunteer firemen who belong to the several companies.



Residence of Benjamin B. McFadden, Main Street

With the exception of the building occupied by the Chemical Company, the city owns the rest of the buildings used for fire department purposes. The steamers, both trucks, one supply wagon, the Chief's buggy and three horses are owned by the city while the six hose wagons and

the chemical engine belong to the various companies. The Central Fire Station is a fine building on Chenango street, and a new fire station has just been completed on Main street on the West Side. The fire alarm system is of the Gamewell patent, and consists of fifty-six street boxes, large gongs in each of the engine houses, one eight-circuit repeater, over thirty miles of wire, and a fire bell which weighs nearly 6,000 pounds.



Residence of Thomas B. Crary, Main Street

The total number of alarms of fire last year was 133. The total loss by fire was \$179,937.71; the insurance paid was \$173,879.63, and the total insurance on the property on which claim for loss was made was \$602,090.00. The amount of the budget for last year was \$27,650. That the Binghamton Fire Department is fully competent is shown by the fact that though Binghamton has been in existence—city, village and hamlet—for over a century, it has never had a generally disastrous fire.

## THE CLIMATE OF BINGHAMTON

Notwithstanding the size of the city, its shaded streets, velvety lawns and pure air make it a delightful place in which to spend the summer. Many residents prefer to remain in their cozy homes rather than to leave them for places that are called summer resorts.

A station of the United States Weather Bureau is located in the Government Building. It is at present in charge of W. E. Donaldson, who has prepared for this book the following account of the local climate:

	<i>Average for the Year.</i>
Temperature.....	48
Precipitation.....	27 8 inches
Snowfall.....	44 inches
Hourly wind movement.....	6.5 miles
Clear days.....	81
Partly cloudy days.....	124
Cloudy days .....	160
Rainy days.....	144

It can be safely stated that summer begins with the last destructive frost of spring and ends with the first destructive frost of autumn. This would limit the summer on an average in Binghamton from the 20th of May to the 10th of September. It is possible to have a destructive frost in this section after the 20th of May or before the 10th of September, but this seldom occurs. In the past four years the lowest temperature from the 20th of May to the 10th of September was 34°.

The average number of hours the sun shines daily during the summer months is eight hours and twenty-four minutes, whereas the sun shines on the average only three hours and thirty-two minutes per day during the winter months.

While the precipitation falls more frequently during the winter, the precipitation falls more rapidly in the summer. The average precipitation for the summer months is 2.35 inches, and for the winter months only 1.81 inches.

The wind moves at the average rate of eight miles per hour during the winter, and only five miles per hour in the summer. In the summer the wind increases as the sun rises, and becomes calm after sundown; while the high winds of summer accompany thunder-storms and are of short duration.

June is invariably the mildest month of the year, the temperature never being oppressively high, nor too cool. During the past four years the temperature was above 90° on twenty-five days, one day in June, fourteen days in July and ten days in August. The highest temperature in the past five years was 96° on August 10th, 1900.

Warm waves when the temperature goes above 90° for several consecutive days are not frequent in Binghamton. The longest warm waves in the past four years occurred in July, 1897, and in August, 1899, when the temperature was above 90° for four consecutive days. This would indicate that Binghamton had first-class qualifications as a summer resort.

## **STREETS, SEWERS AND BRIDGES**

Binghamton's streets are one of her greatest glories. There are 125 miles of them, lined for the most part with maples or elms, which in the older portions of the city have attained a noble growth. There are 7.64 miles of pavement now in use, and plans are being made for laying considerable more. Of this 4.63 miles is Trinidad sheet asphalt, .40 miles Alcatraz asphalt, .65 miles Corning repressed brick, .885 miles Syracuse wire-cut brick, .615 miles Mack wire-cut brick, and .915 miles Park wire-cut brick. All the old wooden block pavement has been torn up in the march of progress and replaced with asphalt and brick. The total cost of all pavements has been \$595,309.66—\$310,983.92 having been spent for asphalt and \$14,376.87 for brick. The balance, \$170,018.87, was expended upon the old wooden pavements. The cart and can system is used in cleaning the streets, the cleaners being uniformed in white duck with a straw helmet. The pavements are also flushed. The general neatness of the streets and surroundings has earned for Binghamton the title "Parlor City."

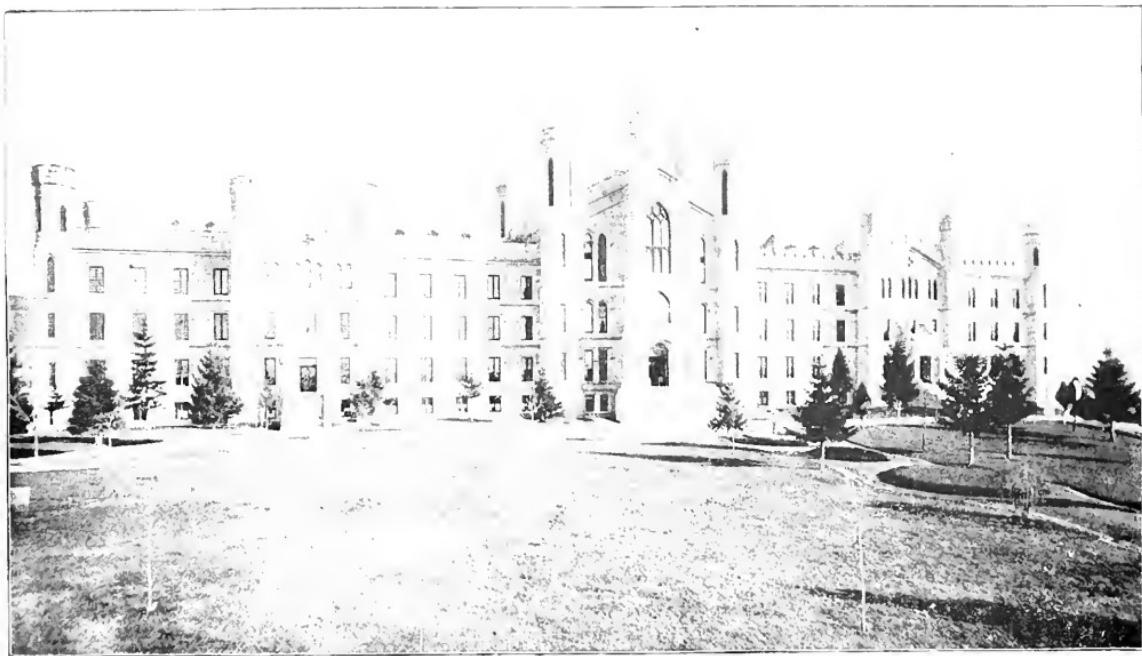
The system of sewerage is kept up to the highest standard, sewers being constantly extended to meet the needs of the growing city. To the care exercised in their construction is due in no small measure the excellent public health. At the close of the past year there had been constructed 34.17 miles of brick and pipe sewers, of which 33.51 miles were then in use.

The Susquehanna and Chenango rivers are spanned by seven bridges, all but one of which are comparatively modern and costly structures. The situation of the city along the shores of two large streams that form a junction here makes the matter of bridges an important one, and the fact that the city has spent \$300,733.53 in building bridges shows that she is fully alive to this need. Here is a list of the river bridges with the cost of each: Court street bridge, \$75,875; Ferry street, \$49,339.48; Tompkins street, \$38,814.29; Washington street, \$38,077.87; Rockbottom bridge, \$35,193.97; DeForest street, \$25,238.73; Exchange street footbridge (lately condemned), \$4,500. A new bridge is to be built in place of the one last named. These, together with the other bridges over small streams, have a total length of 3,404.63 feet.



## **THE WATER SUPPLY**

While for several years the city water has not been pure at certain seasons, this fault will be done away with at once, and within a few months the residents of this city will be drinking water than which none better could be found in the finest mountain springs. After carefully considering various plans for bettering the service, the Water Commissioners, on the advice of an expert, have decided to install a mechanical sand filtration plant, with a daily capacity of 8,000,000 gallons, and which, it is calculated, will remove from the water between ninety-eight and ninety-nine per cent. of impurities. The result will be water all the year around as clear and sparkling as if it had been distilled.



Binghamton State Hospital

The water works, which are owned by the city, are fully equipped for every emergency, and the service is uniform and entirely satisfactory. There are three engines—one Holly Gaskell, four-cylinder, compound condensing, with a capacity of 12,000,000 gallons; one Holly Gaskell, new pattern, four-cylinder, compound condensing, with 12,000,000 gallons' capacity; one Holly quadruple, four-cylinder, compound condensing, capacity 6,000,000 gallons. The system is direct pressure, the source of supply being the Susquehanna river. At present the water is taken into wells from a crib situated above the sources of contamination from the factories, etc., in the city. Last year 2,203,445,275 gallons were pumped, which is a daily average of 6,036,973.

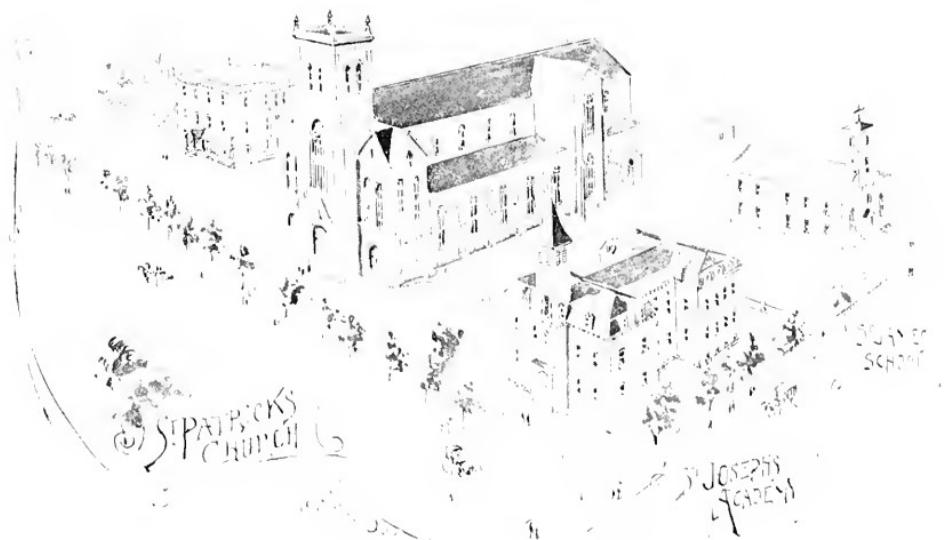
The financial condition of this branch of the city service is very satisfactory. It is managed by a Board of Water Commissioners, one member of which is elected annually. The department has in the banks the sum of \$113,067.70, and the outstanding bonds amount to \$160,000. Of this amount \$7,000 is to be paid this year, \$01,000 in 1907 and \$62,000 in 1918. Prospective residents will be interested in the water rates, which are as low as is consistent with good service. The principal rates are: Culinary use, per year, for each family not exceeding six persons, \$4; water closets, each family, \$3; each additional closet, each family, \$1; one bath-tub, family use, \$3; each additional tub for same family, \$1; each bowl, \$1; one set laundry tubs in residence, \$2; hand hose for sprinkling streets, etc., where the premises are not more than fifty feet wide, \$3; where premises are more than fifty feet wide, special assessment; hose attached to lawn sprinkler or other device, \$7. Stables. Private carriage horse, \$4; each additional horse, \$2; work horse, \$2; each additional horse, \$1. Offices. Three persons or less, \$5. Stores, five persons or less, \$7. No hotel, factory, livery stable, tannery, brewery or railroad company is permitted to take the city water except through a meter. The rates range from twenty cents a thousand for a daily average of 1,000 gallons to five cents a thousand for a daily average of 20,000 to 50,000 gallons.



## EDUCATION

Among the advantages which Binghamton can offer, not the least is her system of public schools, in which she takes high rank among the cities of the country. Generously provided for and conducted in the true spirit of modern scholarship, the schools give a practical training which is excelled in few cities of this size. The present head of the department, Darwin L. Bardwell, has a reputation among educators throughout the United States, and was recently called to the Pacific coast to deliver a course of lectures on educational topics.

In addition to the High School, the Manual Training School and the Grammar School, there are fifteen ward schools situated in every part of the city. Many of them are new buildings, fitted with every convenience, and accommodations are supplied ample for all the children of school age.



The High School, whose principal is Joseph Edward Banta, has a very capable staff of twenty-four teachers and a total registration of 743 students. The thoroughness of its work is shown by the high rank that its graduates are taking at college and in life. Although the chief aim of the institution is not college preparatory work, the literary course is arranged to fit pupils for the leading colleges and universities. The other course in the curriculum is called the English course and requires two years of a foreign language. Both have been approved by the Hon Charles R. Skinner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In connection with the High School is conducted the Barlow School of Industrial Arts, under the principaldship of V. S. Paessler. This was given by the late Allen Barlow, and is under the direct control of a board of trustees which, owing to a lack of funds, is obliged to look to the public school system for aid. It has classes in joinery, wood-turning, spindle and face-plate turning, cooking, mechanical drawing, parallel and angular projection, forging, isothermal drawing, household management and household sanitation, sewing, etc. The Grammar School, of which Miss Mary E. Hunt is principal, is in the Washington street building.

A Truant School is also in operation, and a supervisor of music, a supervisor of drawing and a supervisor of written work are also employed to look after the work in these branches in the various schools.

Nothing shows a city's advancement more strikingly than the increase in registration in her public schools. In 1891 the total registration was 4,321. This year (1901) it is 7,002, made up as follows: Kindergartens, 660; first grade, 1,240; second, 775; third, 789; fourth, 802; fifth, 651; sixth, 603; seventh, 485; eighth, 254; ninth, 331; tenth, 154; eleventh, 135; twelfth, 123. The amount appropriated by the city for the support of the schools during the year 1900-1901 was \$124,918.98, and \$24,753.45 was received from the State, making a total of \$148,772.43. During the last fiscal year (1899-1900) \$142,568.60 was expended, \$95,690.37 of which was for teachers' wages alone. Nearly every year the city has been investing more money in education. The amount appropriated by the City and State in 1898-99 was \$149,595.67, and in 1899-1900 it was \$140,532.56.

The City School Library, which is in the Washington street school building, had in the year ending August 31, 1900, 11,773 books in its circulating library and 1,437 in the reference library. It was open 290 days and its total circulation for the year was 67,072. These were borrowed by 4,502 persons. The expenditures for the year were \$3,171.94. The library, while under the control of the school department, serves the purpose of a city library, any resident being permitted to take books. Though, as the figures will show, it is doing good work, under the supervision of Mrs Josephine Clonney, librarian, a promising movement is now under way to erect a separate and more adequate public library building.

Besides the public schools, there are within the city a number of private institutions of learning, notably the Lady Jane Grey School for young women; St. Joseph's Academy, a Catholic school conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and two commercial schools—Riley's and Lowell's. Many families with children to educate move to Binghamton solely for the purpose of securing educational advantages for them. These the city has to offer in the fullest measure.



Broome County Jail

## THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Visitors to the city frequently comment upon the stalwart appearance of members of the police force. The department is under control of a Board of Police Commissioners, who have always shown commendable zeal in the service. The officers of the department are: Chief, William Moore; Assistant Chiefs, C. Burdette Abel and Charles H. Meade; Roundsman, William Fredenburg; City Detective, Robert Stephenson.

The number of patrolmen is thirty one. The eight hour system is in force, having recently been adopted after careful investigation. It has given general satisfaction. The force is divided into three shifts, who succeed each other every eight hours, so that the city is well protected at every hour of the day and night. The department enjoys a reputation for efficiency, honesty and thoroughness. Charges of corruption are never made against it, as in many other cities.



Water Works

City offenders are tried in Police Court, presided over by a judge known as the Recorder. The present incumbent is S. Mack Smith. Headquarters and court occupy convenient quarters on the first floor of the Municipal Building. Last year 1,379 arrests were made by the police department.



## TRANSPORTATION

Few inland cities are so favored in regard to transportation facilities as Binghamton. Its geographical location is perfect, it being situated midway between New York and Buffalo, on two of America's principal trunk lines, the Erie and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

The New York State Capital at Albany is on the direct line of the D & H. Company, only 143 miles distant, and Harrisburg, the seat of Pennsylvania government, lies 191 miles to the south. Scranton, the heart of the anthracite coal region, is sixty-one miles away, and the bituminous coal district of Pennsylvania but ninety miles to the southwest, providing cheap fuel for the home and factory.

The Syracuse and Utica divisions of the Lackawanna system radiate north from this city through the rich farming district to Oswego, on the shores of Lake Ontario, and the Susquehanna division of the Delaware & Hudson, together with the branches of the Erie and Lackawanna running into the coal regions, reach a great consuming trade, from which the merchants and manufacturers of Binghamton reap many thousands of dollars annually.

The Erie, with its many branches and lateral lines, penetrates the fertile district of Western Pennsylvania and Southern New York; the Lackawanna system likewise, Central and Northern New York, and the Delaware & Hudson Company through the Adirondack region into Canada, the latter line also being direct route to Boston and all New England points, so that from Binghamton there is no direction which cannot be reached with promptness and dispatch.

All the passenger and freight stations here are located in the heart of the city's business district, the freight stations being equipped with all the modern facilities for the economical and rapid handling of freight, both received at and forwarded from the city.

Seventy passenger trains depart daily. Shippers are particularly favored with quick freight service, owing to this city being such a large transfer point, where thousands of cars of freight are consolidated monthly for all points in the East and West, as well as New England; through car service has been inaugurated to all the principal cities as far west as the Mississippi river, enabling the Binghamton manufacturers to deliver their goods at destination ahead of their competitors, thereby holding and increasing their trade. A sample of the schedule time on package freight is twelve hours from New York to Binghamton; forty-eight hours from Binghamton to Chicago.

The yard limits of the four roads extend for many miles on three sides of the city, switching service is elaborate and prompt, and the charge for handling cars between the various lines and private sidings is nominal.



Stone Opera House, Binghamton, N. Y.

The many miles of private sidings now in use by the various industries, and maintained by the different lines, is established proof of the extent to which the railroads have gone in providing facilities for industries already located here, and should be sufficient assurance that new comers will be taken care of in the same generous manner.

To all western points the same freight rates are in effect from Binghamton as from Rochester, N. Y., a point which is nearly 200 miles west, and on business from western points to Binghamton the same rates apply here as to Syracuse, N. Y. In other words, Binghamton enjoys Rochester rate basis west bound, and Syracuse rate basis east bound.

The Street Railway system is very comprehensive, with mileage of forty miles, furnishing easy access to all factory and business districts as well as residence portions of the city. Both steam and electric railroad companies, through their Binghamton officials, have an excellent reputation for going more than half way to encourage new industries here by offering all the facilities at their command, which are needed from a transportation standpoint, to assist every concern to success. There is a large amount of desirable unoccupied land adjacent to the various lines which can be secured for the establishment of new industries.



## CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION

The city is in a most solid condition financially, its bonds being sought after by capitalists who are willing to pay more than three per cent. premium on them. The following statement of city finances at the time this book is issued is prepared by the City Clerk:

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT—CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Assessed valuation for 1900 .....	\$ 21,109,730 00
Real valuation, estimated.....	21,109,730 00
DEBT: Bonds previously issued.....	677,500 00
Floating.....	53,301 41
This issue.....	18,000 00
Total debt .....	\$ 748,801 41

Bonds issued under Chapter 81 of the Laws of 1895 and amended by Chapter 8 of the Laws of 1901.

L. C. HILL, City Clerk.

Of the assessed valuation \$18,889,200 is real property and \$2,220,530 personal. While, as will be noted in the City Clerk's report, property is supposed to be assessed at its actual value, as a matter of fact it is assessed at about two-thirds of its value. It may be said that the assessment upon industries is perhaps more reasonable than in any other city of the State, a fact which alone is a great inducement for manufacturers to locate here. Further information of great interest will be gladly furnished by the Secretary of the Board of Trade.

This year's report and budget, recently presented to the Common Council, may be briefly summarized as follows: Public debt, \$4,500; interest account, \$19,809.84; pavement and sewer notes, \$16,920.12; estimated expenses, \$312,197.64; total, \$353,517.62; less estimated resources other than taxes, \$30,000; total amount to be raised by tax, \$323,517.60.

This makes the tax rate the same as last year, \$1.52.

Extravagance with the public moneys is one of the most fruitful sources of misfortune to any municipality. In Binghamton, generally speaking, a reasonable economy has usually been the rule and, as the figures given above will show, there is no extravagance in any department.



## PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND INSTITUTIONS

Binghamton has many attractive public buildings and institutions, which have cost over \$2,000,000. The Binghamton State Hospital for the Insane, one of the largest in the country, is picturesquely situated on a hill in the eastern part of the city. Over \$1,000,000 has been spent

in the erection of buildings and equipment for this institution, in which over 1,300 patients are cared for.



Ely Tower

The Municipal Building, County Court House and United States Post-office and Court House are handsome stone structures, each costing from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

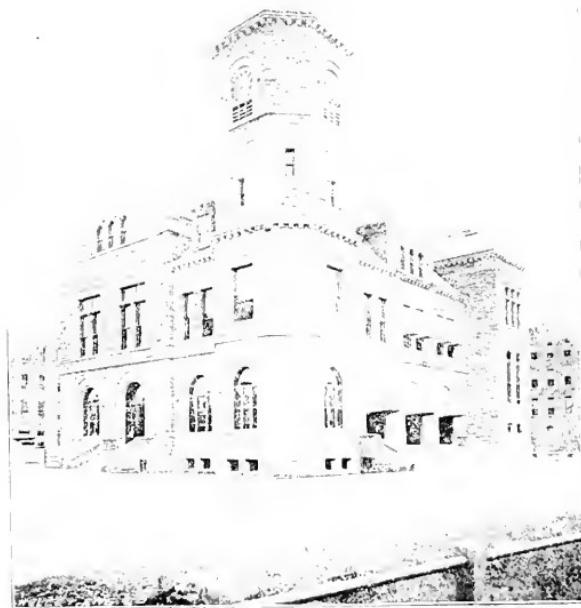
The city has a well-equipped general and emergency hospital. Over 100 Protestant orphan children are cared for at the attractive Susquehanna Valley Home, while about the same number of Catholic children receive excellent care at St. Mary's Home. A Central Fire Station and seven other attractive engine and hose houses furnish homes for the different organizations of the city fire department.

## THE PUBLIC HEALTH

Binghamton has an active and progressive Health Department which looks after infractions of sanitary laws rigorously. Great activity and prudence are exercised in the matter of quarantining cases of contagious diseases, a fact that has prevented the spread of these afflictions.

It may be said that the city is not subject to epidemics of fatal diseases of any sort. The number of deaths last year was 792, which gives a death rate for that period of about 10.97 per cent. But this is distinctly unfair to the city, for, because of a general prevalence of sickness throughout the State, the number of deaths here was vastly in excess of any previous year. A computation of the deaths for a dozen years gives an average rate of 13 per cent. This very low death rate is despite the fact that the Binghamton State Hospital, which has a population of 1,500, is included in the report. There were 101 deaths at that institution alone last year.

The records of the department show that the following number of deaths have been reported each year since 1884: 1884, 304; 1885, 311; 1886, 379; 1887, 431; 1888, 400; 1889, 446; 1890, 554; 1891, 678; 1892, 685; 1893, 622; 1894, 643; 1895, 588; 1896, 559; 1897, 590; 1898, 669; 1899, 707; 1900, 792. The principal causes of death last year, together with the number of deaths caused by each, are as follows: Pulmonary consumption, 62; diphtheria, 51; cancer, 28; apoplexy, 39; dementia, 37; meningitis, 19; valvular disease of the heart, 34; pneumonia, 54; cholera infantum, 20; nephritis, chronic, 31.



Postoffice

There is also a Plumbing Board which has supervision over all plumbing done in the city. Applicants for plumber's certificates are very carefully examined, and no careless work is tolerated in this matter of so much concern to the general health.



## COST OF LIVING, REAL ESTATE AND RENTS

The city is in the center of an excellent farming section. Most of the agricultural and dairy products used by its inhabitants are cheaply delivered at their doors by the growers and makers. This, combined with close competition between the merchants, makes cheap living.

The cost of living is still further reduced by the cheapness of rents, making it possible for factory employees to live well on moderate wages.

Binghamton is a city of comfortable homes with proportionately fewer "shanties" than any city in the United States. Attractive houses or flats, with all modern and sanitary improvements, are rented cheaply.

Binghamton is "large for its size," covering more ground than most cities of 15,000 inhabitants. Real estate values are



Residence of S. Mills Ely, Henry Street

accordingly moderate. Buildings for manufacturing purposes are rented cheaply; and in case buildings for any particular industry are not for rent, land owners are always ready to erect suitable buildings to rent at moderate rates.

It may be said that rents of factory buildings and dwellings will average only twenty or thirty per cent. of what would have to be paid for the same accommodations in New York city. Manufacturers may also calculate upon a saving of about forty per cent. in wages over those paid in New York. Further information upon this subject will be gladly furnished by the Secretary of the Board of Trade.



## THE CITY'S FACTORIES

The label, "Made in Binghamton," is to be seen on manufactured articles offered for sale in all parts of the world. These goods are of all kinds, from a carpet tack to a large steam boiler. Some of the principal things made in the city are boots and shoes, cigars, carriages and sleighs, chairs and furniture, doors, sash and blinds, washing machines, hoes, glass bottles, scales, combs, buttons, wire goods, felting, beet sugar, harness and saddlery, boilers, electric dynamos and motors, flexible shafts, men's clothing, overalls, shirts, hunting jackets and canvas sporting goods, carriage ironing, whips, gloves, time recorders, flour, crackers, tacks, envelopes, folding boxes, refined wood alcohol, flavoring extracts, and rubber bicycle and carriage tires.

For a quarter of a century Binghamton has been one of the leading cigar manufacturing cities in the country. About a dozen large factories and forty smaller ones last year turned out nearly 100,000,000 cigars, an output exceeded by only one or two cities in the Union. When the \$10,000,000 American Cigar Company was organized last spring to operate factories throughout the country, it was immediately decided that three of those factories, employing 3,000 hands, should be located in Binghamton. These three factories have recently been started.

About 600 persons are employed in the three large chair factories in the city. Over 200 hands are employed in two factories making Binghamton scales, which have a world-wide reputation for accuracy and durability. Over 200 men help make carriages and sleighs. The International Time Recorder Company, the only firm making time recorders in this country, employs several hundred hands and maintains agencies throughout the world. Four large overall, shirt and canvas sporting goods factories employ nearly 1,000 girls and women.

The largest shoe factory in the world is operated in Lestershire, a suburb immediately adjoining the city. A large proportion of the 1,800 employés of this factory live in the city limits. The Lestershire company is now erecting another shoe factory to employ 2,000 hands, and the largest tannery in the world at Endicott, another suburb, which is connected with Binghamton by an electric car line.

The cheapness of power is one of Binghamton's claims upon the manufacturer. A twenty-five-horse power gas engine can be run for \$20 a month. The attaching of a gasoline tank to the engine is permitted, the expense of which would not be over fifty cents a day. Electricity is largely used and is inexpensive, while a twenty-five-horse power engine can be run

by steam for about \$2.80 a day. The president of a company which recently came to Binghamton from New York says that *it costs him less to run his entire factory by gas power than it did to light his offices in New York.* Cheap power, transportation and rent, together with comparatively low wages, puts the Binghamton manufacturer upon a basis where he can compete with his rivals without fear.



## TELEPHONE SERVICE

Two telephone companies have plants here—the New York, Pennsylvania & New Jersey Telephone and Telegraph Company and an independent citizens' company, which will begin its service in a short time. Compared with many other cities rates are low, and because of the rivalry between the two companies they are bound to tumble away down. Already telephone service which in New York would cost \$125 can be obtained in Binghamton for \$48.



## NEW RAILROAD SHOPS

As this book goes to press the officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company have selected a site and have announced their intention of at once erecting car and machine shops in Binghamton, because Binghamton is believed to be the best located of any city and to offer all of the desired advantages. All of the car and machine works of the company will be centered in Binghamton, the plants being moved from Scranton, Syracuse, Utica, and other points. These shops will employ 2,000 men, mostly skilled mechanics.





E. S. TRUESDELL



P. J. McTIGHE



J. M. DAVIDGE

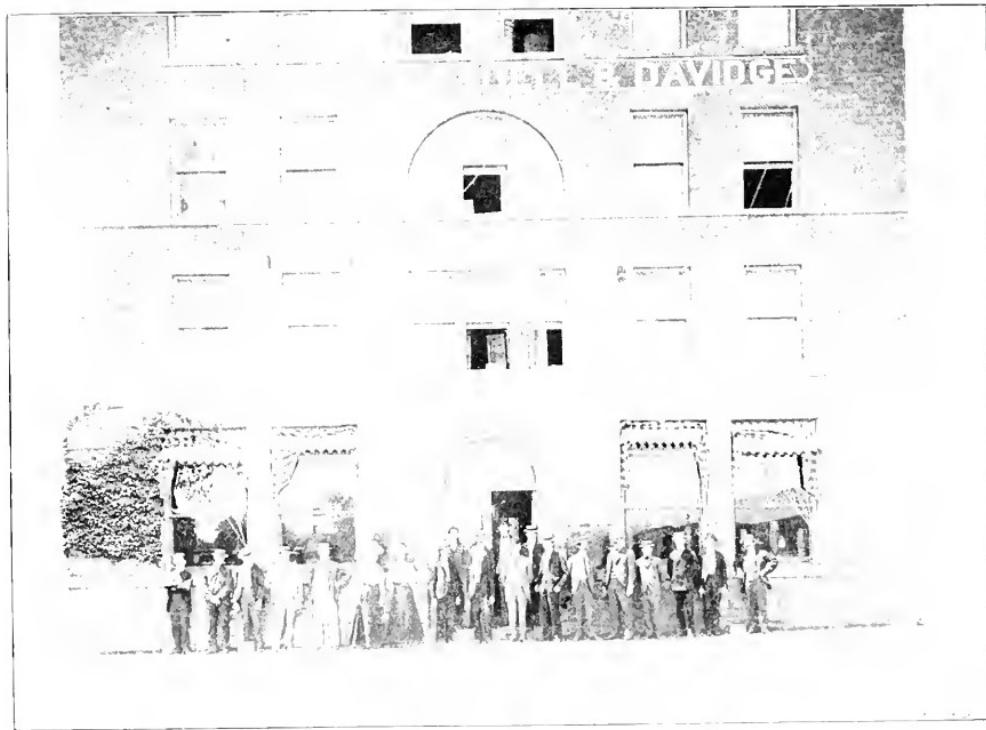
# McTIGHE, TRUESDELL & DAVIDGE

## WHOLESALE GROCERS

FAYETTE STREET



OREMOS<sup>T</sup> among the stable and progressive commercial enterprises of Binghamton is the wholesale grocery concern of McTighe, Truesdell & Davidge, a direct descendant of one of the pioneer mercantile establishments of the city. The trade of this firm covers an extensive field, and is large and steadily growing. Abundant capital and an experience of many years, supplemented by unsurpassed facilities for gauging the markets and keeping in touch with the trade, for close buying and selling and for shipping, are among the advantages which enable McTighe, Truesdell & Davidge to hold a commanding place in the commercial life of this city and section, and these advantages are not more helpful to the maintenance of this concern's popularity and business prestige than the record for honorable dealing it has so long and so creditably sustained. No other firm has so generously or for so long a time contributed to the commercial stability of Binghamton, or done so much toward opening and maintaining the arteries for the inflow of that outside trade that has been so helpful in the direction of promoting the prosperity of the city. This is in no sense an advertisement for McTighe, Truesdell & Davidge; they need none. Their business has been so long established, and it has grown to such proportions, that it continues to increase of its own force, with the aid of the firm's long-sustained reputation for reliability and its practical and progressive methods. In their new and commodious building, perfectly equipped for the convenient storing and handling of goods, and with switching facilities that enable them to load cars at their door, they are in a position to add to the other manifold advantages they are able to afford their patrons that of prompt and perfect service. Such an enterprise as this is necessarily stimulating to the commercial life of any community.



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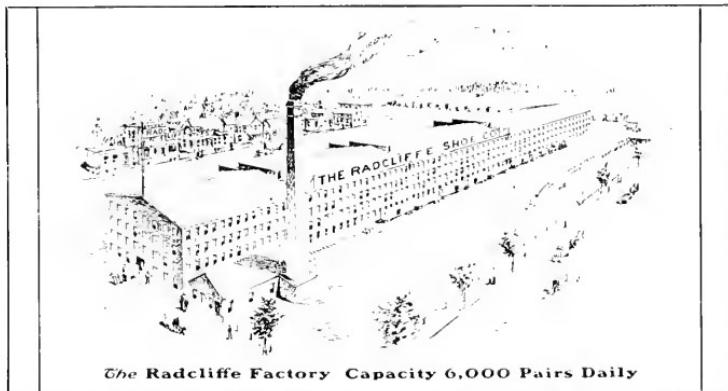
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## BOOTS, SHOES AND RUBBERS

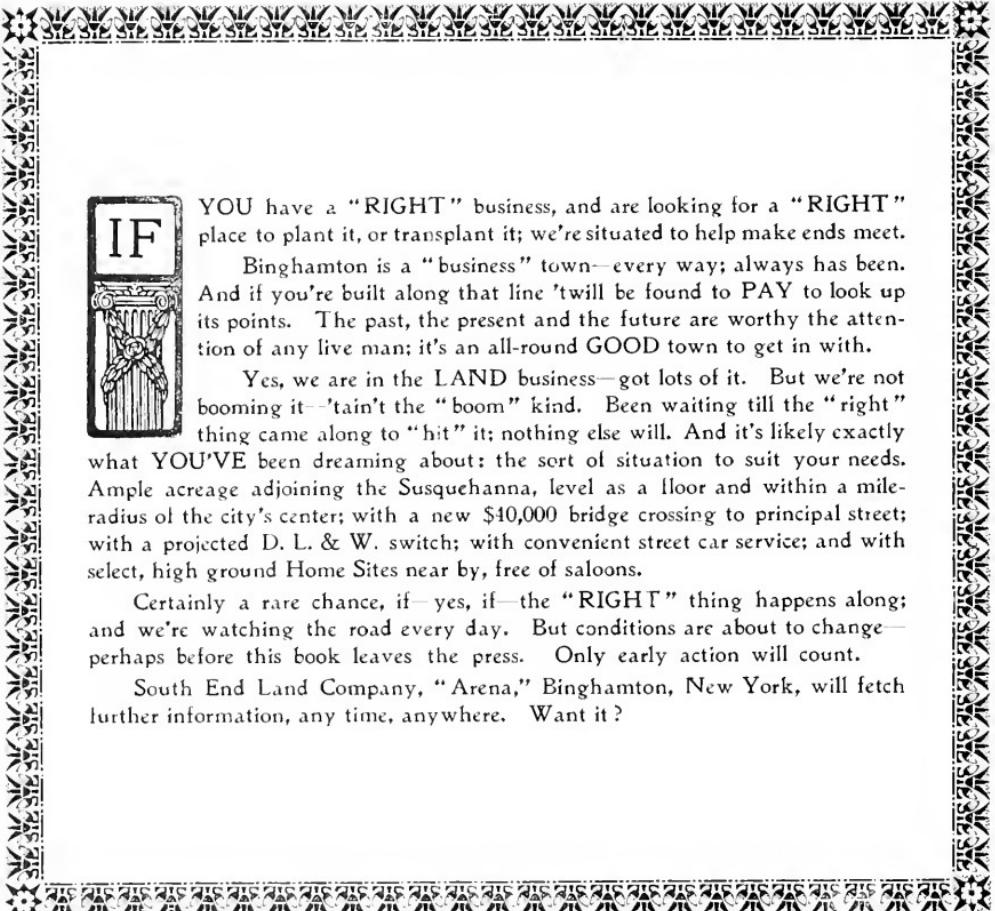
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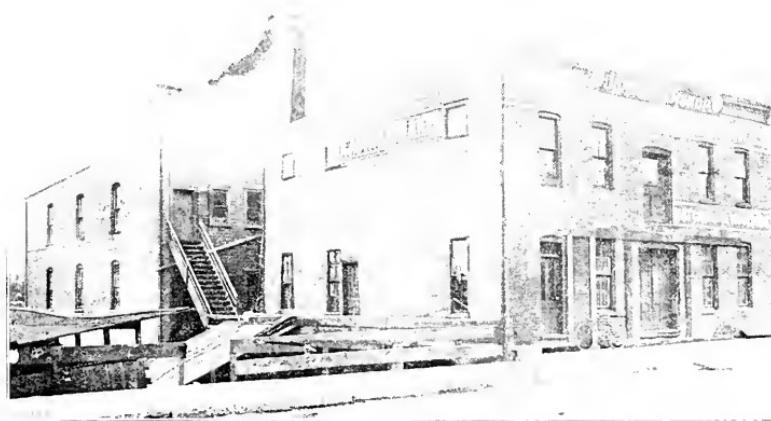
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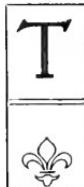
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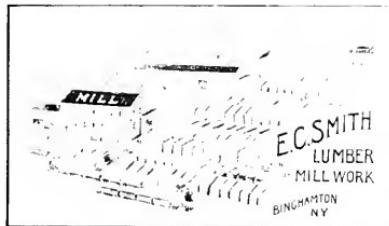
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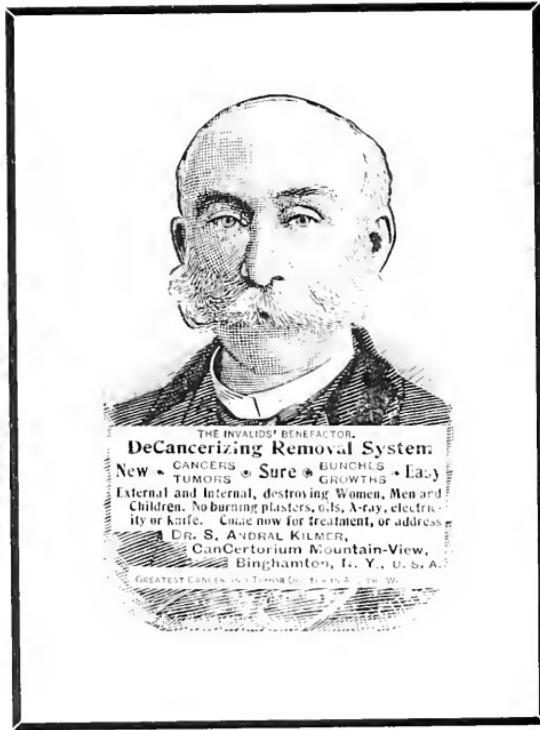
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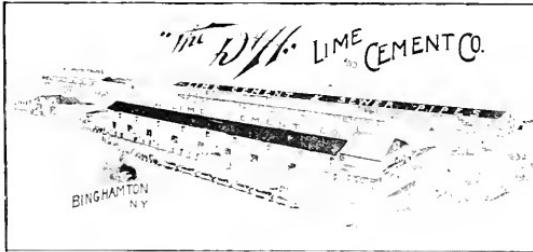
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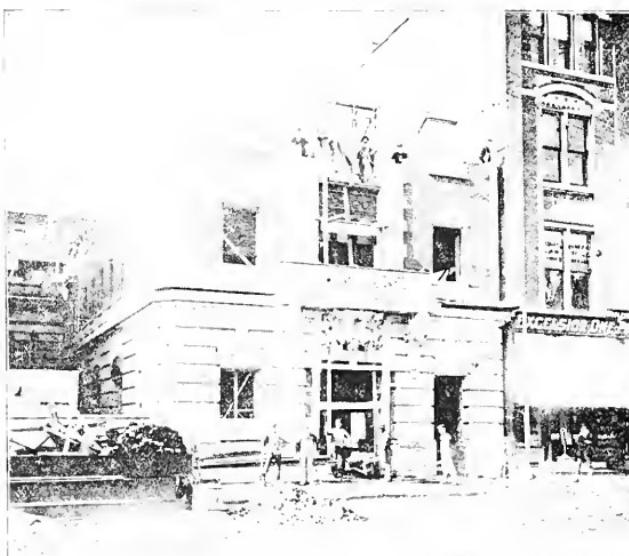
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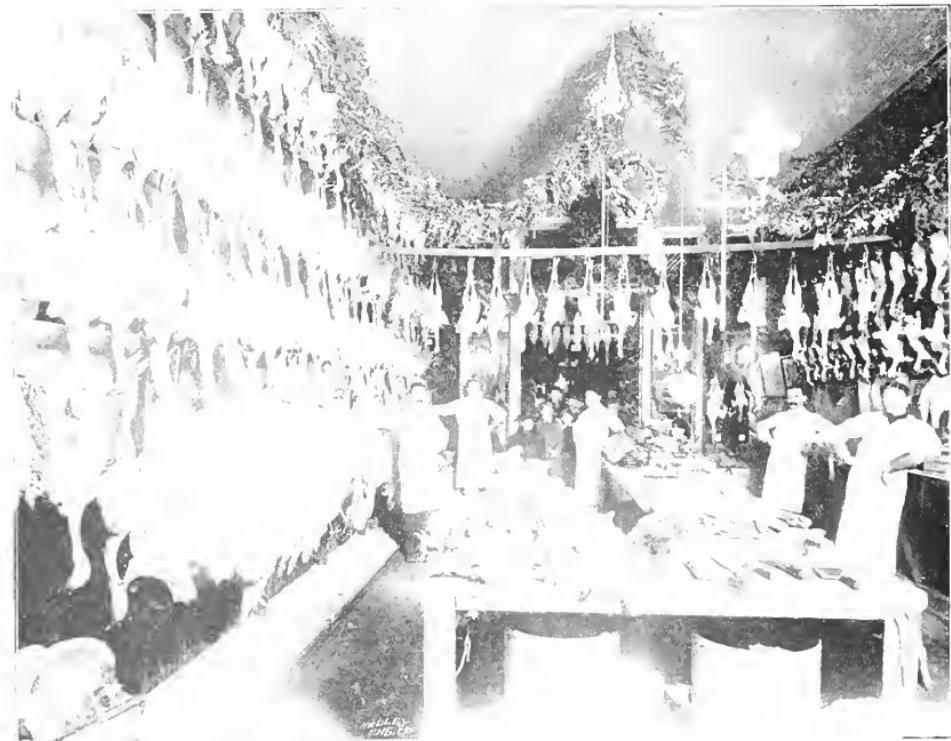
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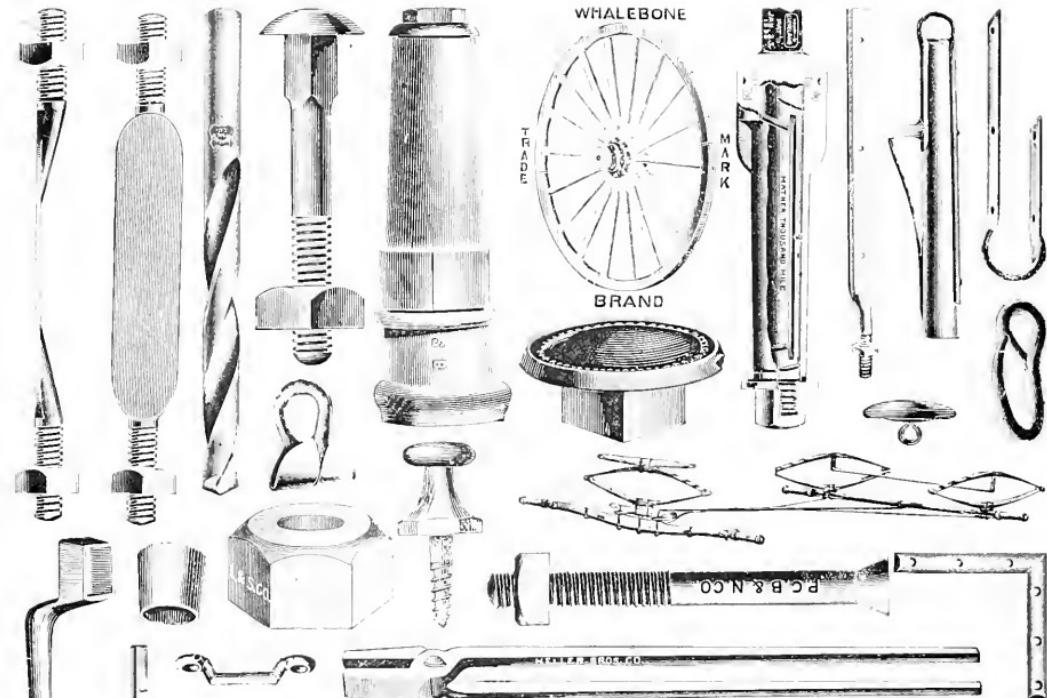
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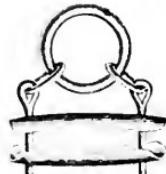
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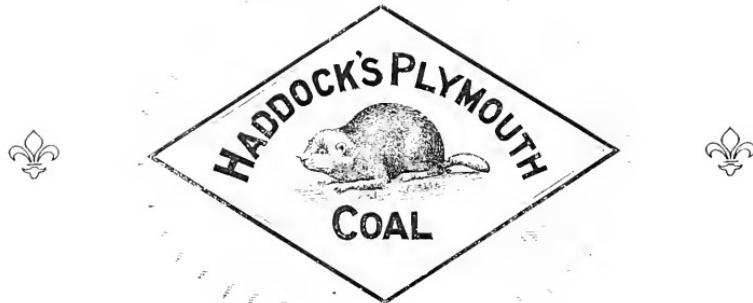
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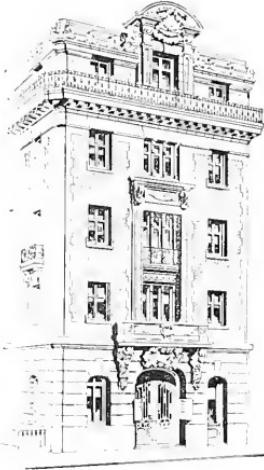
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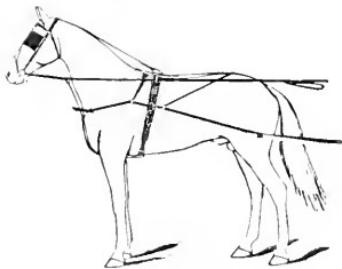
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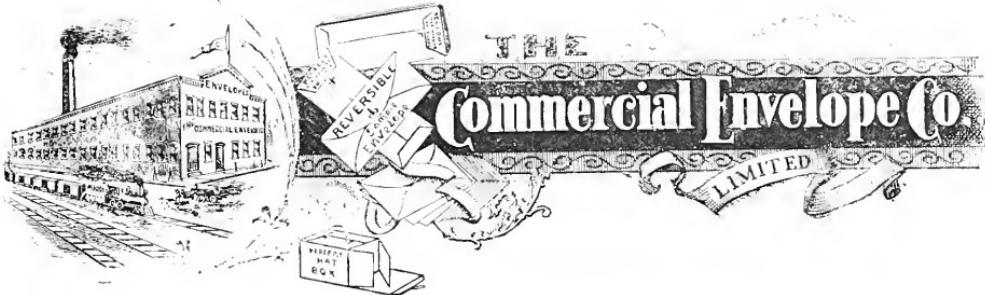
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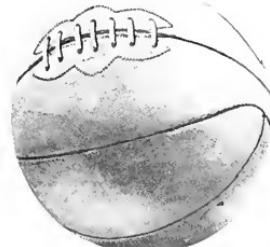
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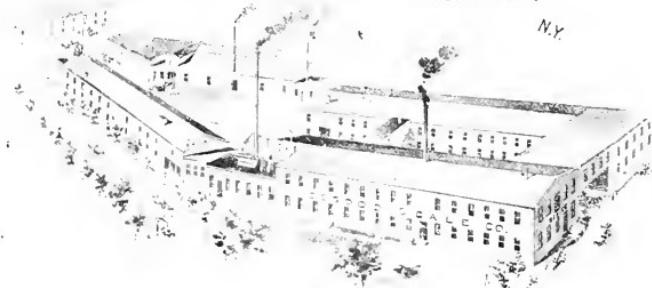
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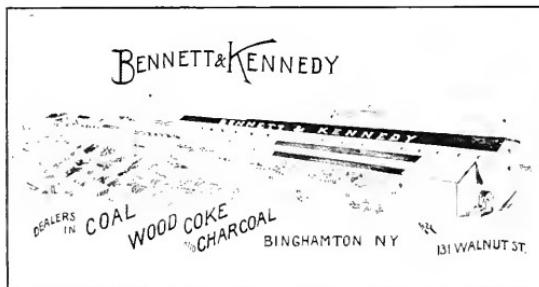


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The "1900" washer is made of the best materials throughout. The tub is Virginia white cedar, hooped with galvanized wire. These hoops are embedded by a special process into grooves and are electric welded. There is no stretching when the tub swells or drops out when the tube is dry. The tub revolves on a perfect ball bearing mechanism. The machine is well made as can be.

During the three years since its introduction the Nineteen Hundred Washer company has sold 60,000 machines, besides a large number of mops, wringers and stands. The machine is a warm favorite wherever introduced and shipments have been made to foreign countries, Mexico, Belgium, France, England and as far away as Australia.

The officers of this company deserve large credit for their energetic efforts in pushing this industry. They are, President, L. B. Gray, vice president, and secretary, F. W. Welsh, treasurer, R. F. Bieber.

Mr. Bieber is general manager of the business, in which he is ably assisted by Mr. Doane Catever, as acting mfrnt.

The Nineteen Hundred Washer Company was organized in 1897 and since that time the growth has been phenomenal. The factory on Clinton street is now turning out about 100 machines per day. An addition is now being built which will double the capacity. Branch offices are established in all the leading cities of the country and several foreign ones, notably, Antwerp, Belgium, Madrid, Spain, and the City of Mexico. The mad department is also an important one.

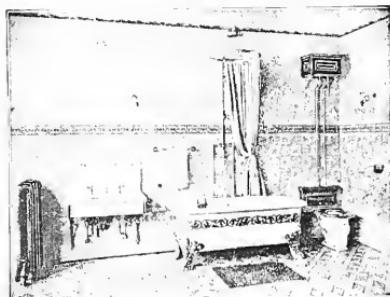
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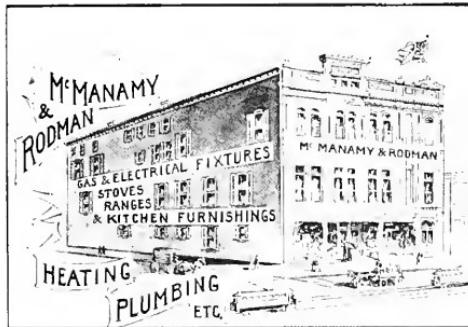
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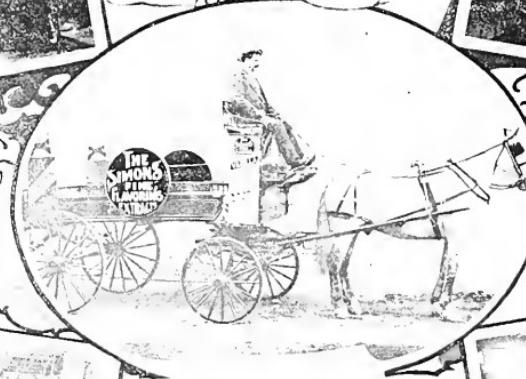
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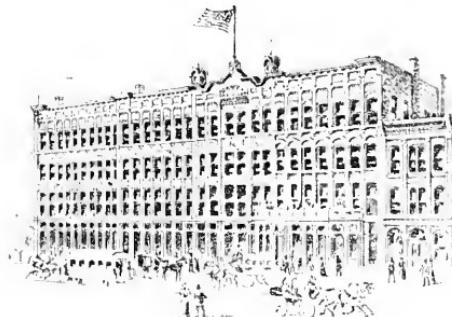
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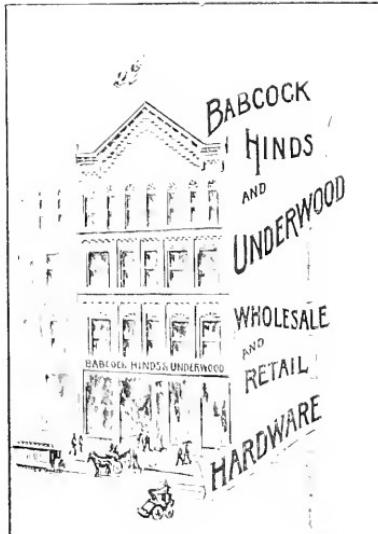
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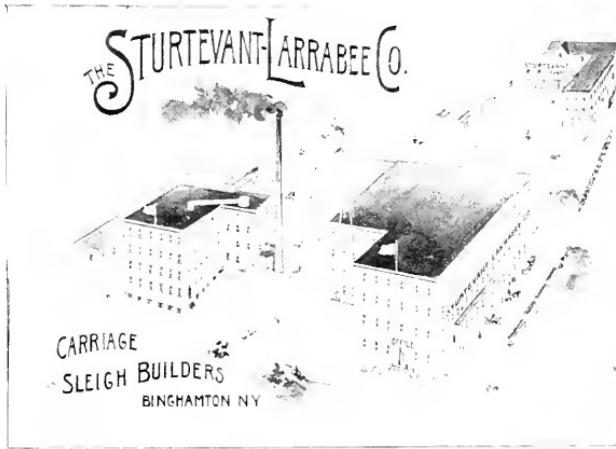
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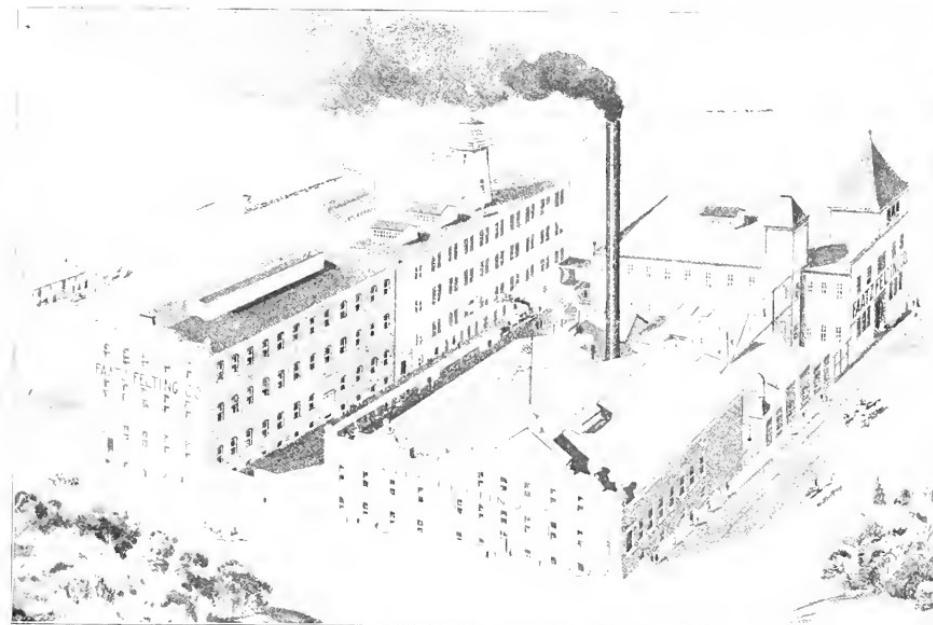
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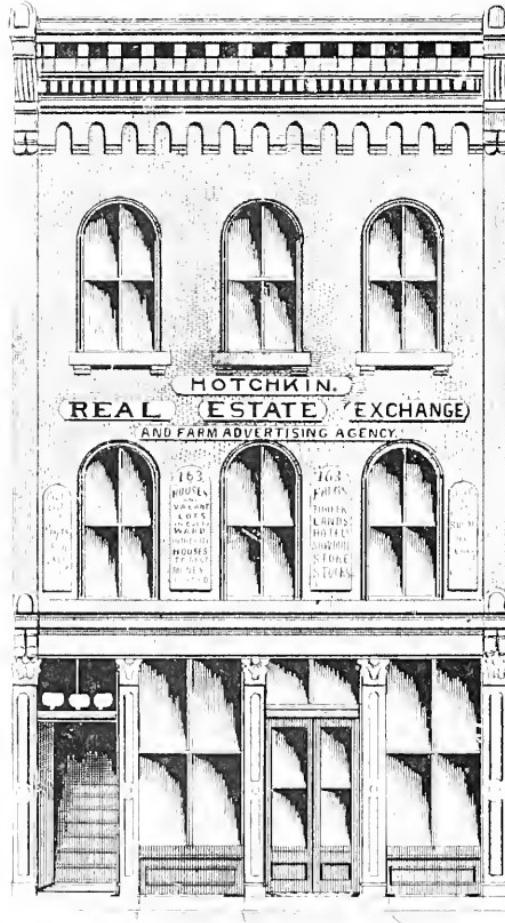
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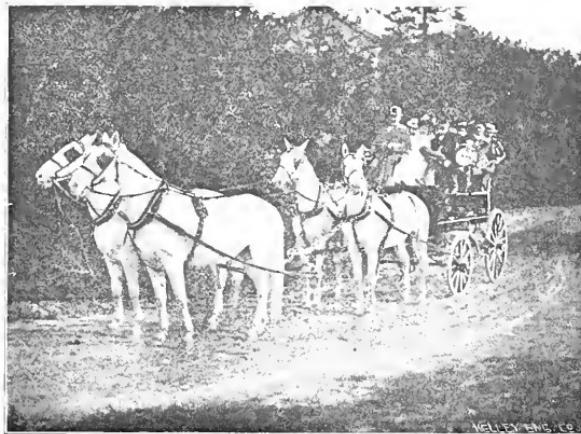
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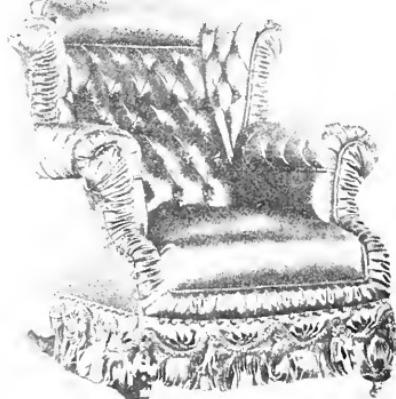
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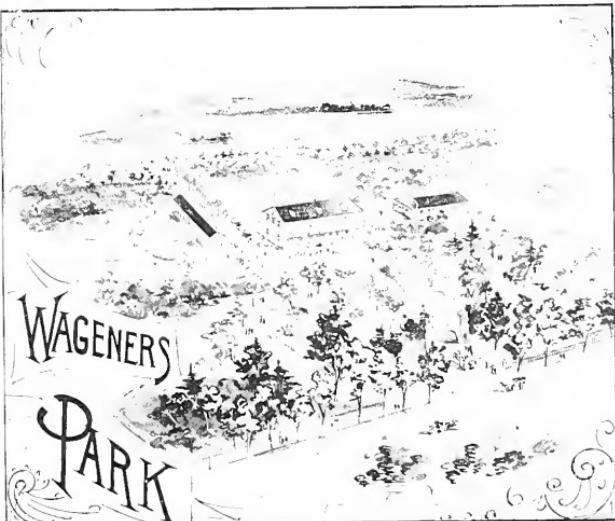
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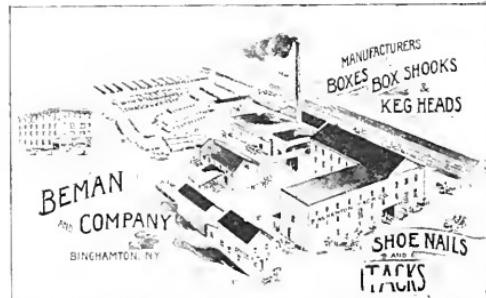
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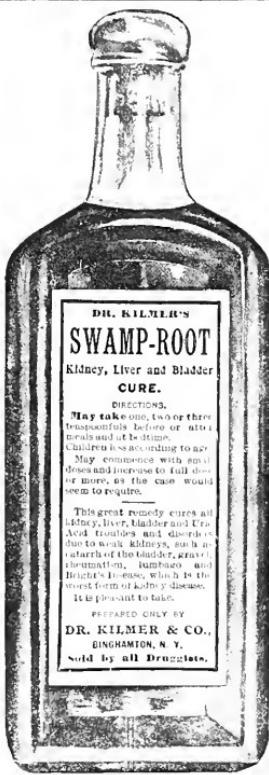
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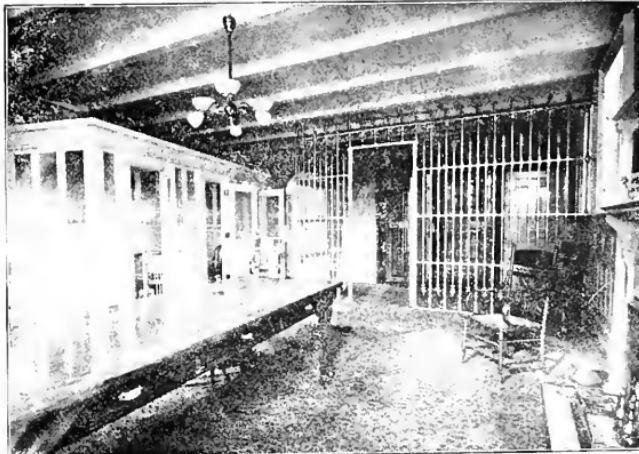
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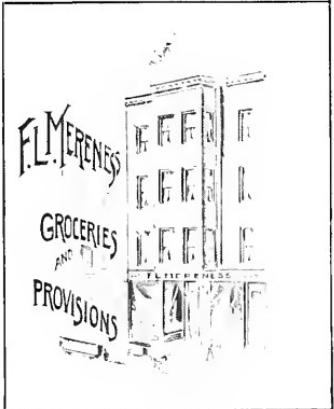
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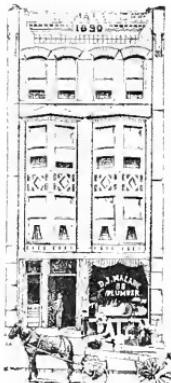
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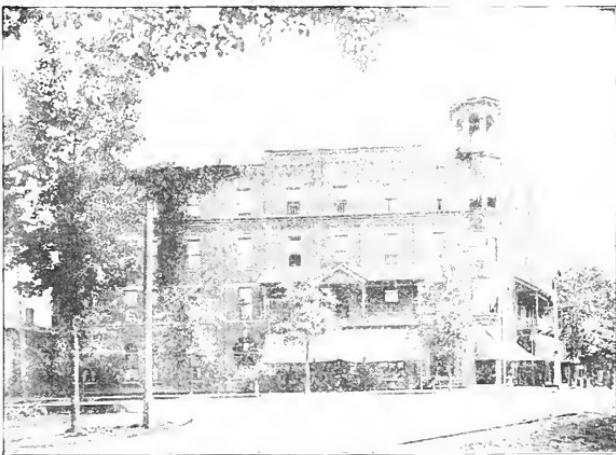
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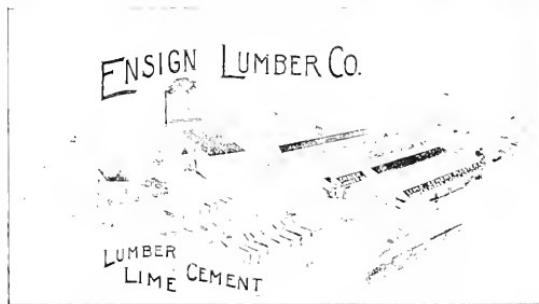
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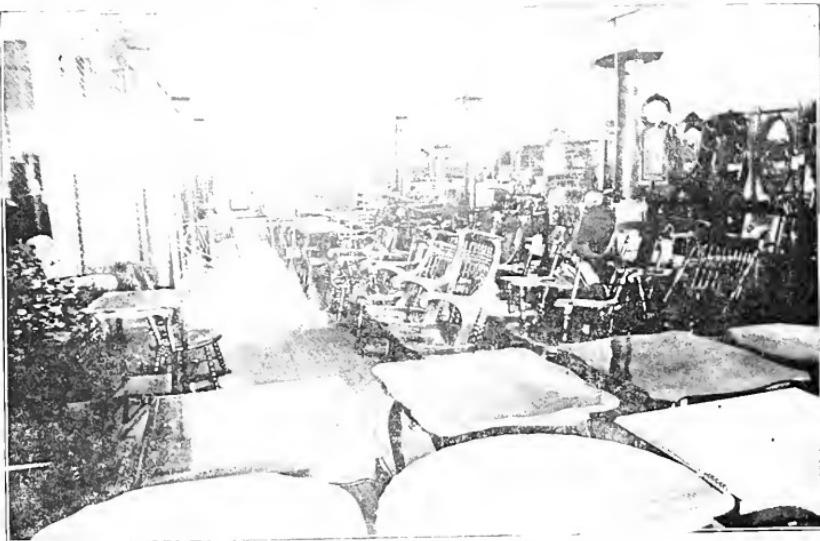
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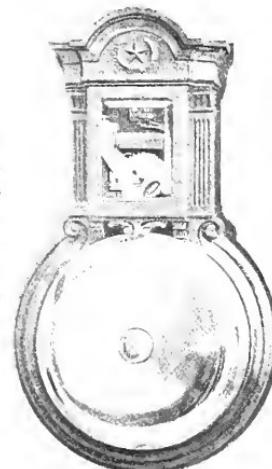
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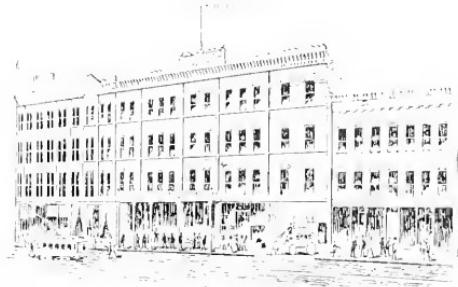
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